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# HOUSE OF M

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Magneto has lost the war against ordinary humans for which he sacrificed the well-being of his children. Now he is forced to watch his daughter Wanda, the Scarlet Witch, suffer a loss of control over both her powers and her grip on reality. Quicksilver, Wanda's brother Pietro, pleads with their estranged father to help her.

Mutant leader Charles Xavier, who is unable to help the Scarlet Witch, gathers the Avengers and the X-Men to decide how to proceed. The heroes are not convinced that killing Wanda is the only solution, so they travel to the mutant nation of Genosha to confront her, in the hope of discovering what it is that she wants.

When they get to the island, Wanda is missing, as are Magneto and Pietro.

Then the world burns to white.

# HOUSE OF M

When Wolverine awakens, he discovers that reality as he knew it is gone...

...replaced by a society in which humans are the oppressed minority and mutants run the culture, ruling over all existing countries, religions and politics. A kingdom united under the House of M.

Psychic therapist Emma Frost and Scott Summers live happily in Connecticut.

New York City's Hell's Kitchen is widely known as Sapien Town, where the worst elements of normal humanity congregate, led by underworld overlord Luke Cage. Danny Rand (a.k.a. Iron Fist), Misty Knight, Marc Spector (a.k.a. Moon Knight), Angela Del Toro (a.k.a. White Tiger), Felicia Hardy (a.k.a. Black Cat), and the Sons of the Tiger form the nucleus of the Human Resistance Movement.

Wolverine himself is the premiere operative of S.H.I.E.L.D.'s elite Red Guard unit and is romantically involved with his fellow agent, Mystique.

Wolverine is the only person who remembers the way the world used to be. He escapes from the S.H.I.E.L.D. Helicarrier, their flying mobile base, and tries to piece together what has happened. The rest of the Red Guard are sent after him and almost overwhelm him, but at the last moment, Logan is kidnapped by Cloak of Luke Cage's underground resistance...

...and finds himself held at arrow-point by the long-dead Avenger Hawkeye.

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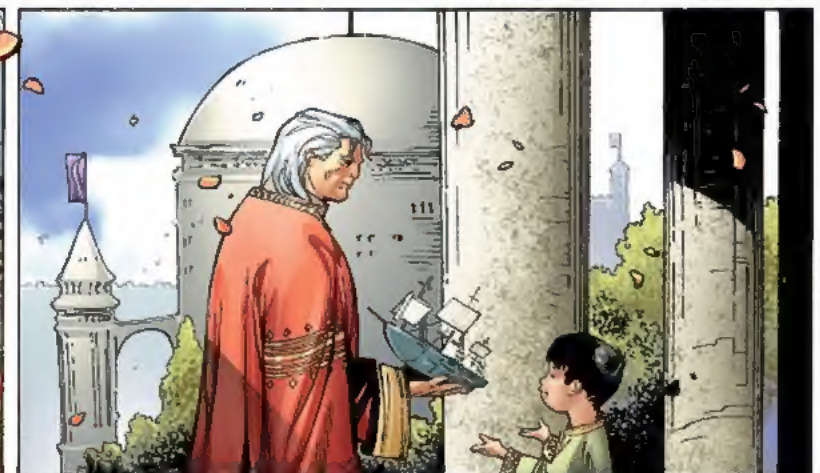
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HELL'S KITCHEN,  
NEW YORK CITY

DO WHAT  
THE MAN SAID!  
WE KNOW YOU'RE  
S.H.I.E.L.D.!! YOU'RE  
SHAW'S RED GUARD  
ARMY!!

YOU CALLED  
ME CAGE. HOW  
DO YOU KNOW  
MY NAME?

THERE'S A  
TRACKER DEVICE  
IN THE BACK OF  
YOUR NECK. TELLS  
THE EYE IN THE  
SKY WHERE  
YOU ARE.

PULL IT  
OUT OR I  
DO IT FOR  
YOU.

CAGE, I  
NEED YOU TO  
CALM EVERYONE  
DOWN SO I  
CAN--

FINE.

CHUNK

FUMP

BARTON!!

I'M  
DONE TAKING  
CHANCES WITH  
THESE MUTANTS.  
WE NEED TO--

WHAT DID  
I SAY?? YOU  
DIDN'T EVEN  
GIVE HIM...

...A  
CHANCE.





HAWKEYE, DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT IS GOING ON HERE? DO YOU?

DO YOU?

WE NEED TO--

I THOUGHT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES--



CLINT, THERE'S A KID HERE!!

THAT TRACKER WAS GOING TO BRING THE RED ARMY RIGHT UP OUR--



UH, GUYS?



GUYS, I THINK HE'S GETTING--

THERE'S A LOT RIDING ON--

I KNOW. AND I'M DONE TAKING CHANCES ON--!!



HE'S AWAKE.





RRRRHOW  
LONG WAS  
I OUT?



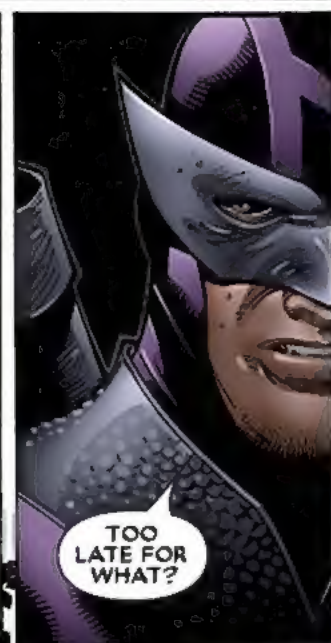
HOW THE HELL  
ARE YOU STILL  
ALIVE?

HOW  
LONG??!!

TH-THIRTY  
SECONDS.  
ISH.



TOO  
LATE.



TOO  
LATE FOR  
WHAT?



IF YOU  
WANTED TO TALK  
TO ME, YOU SHOULD  
HAVE YANKED THE  
TRACKER AT THE BACK  
OF MY NECK OUT  
BEFORE YOU BROUGHT  
ME HERE.



BUT YOU'VE  
ONLY BEEN  
HERE FOR  
HALF A--







SAPIEN TARGETS  
LOCATION STATUS  
UNKNOWN.  
COMMIT AND  
FOLLOW THROUGH  
NOT APPLIED.

SAPIEN TARGETS  
IDENTIFIED.

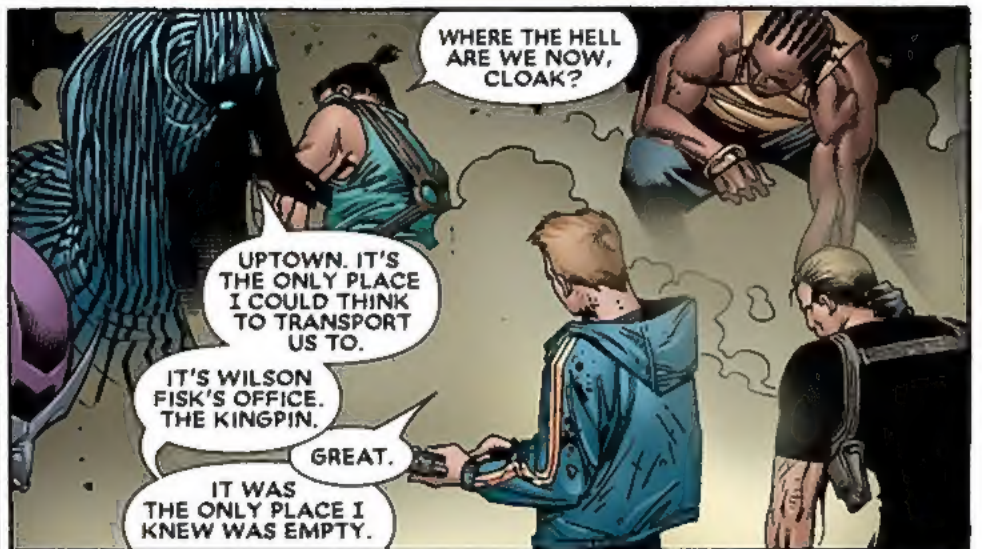
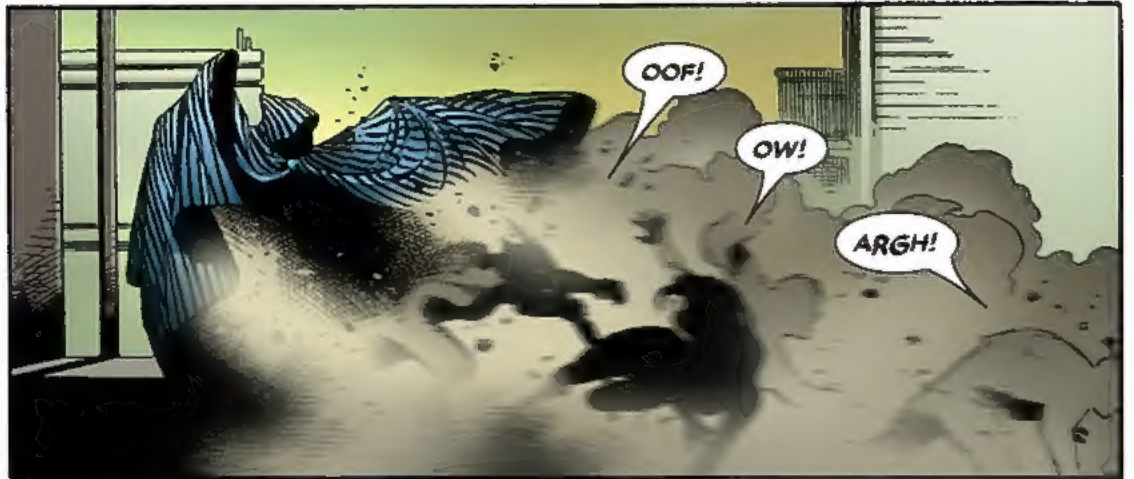
SAPIEN TARGETS  
LOCKED.

ACTION  
INITIATED.

ACTION  
INITIATED.

SHAZZAZZABOOM









WE DIDN'T ALL MAKE IT.

I--I GRABBED AS MANY AS I COULD.

I WASN'T BLAMIN' YA, TY. YOU DID GOOD.

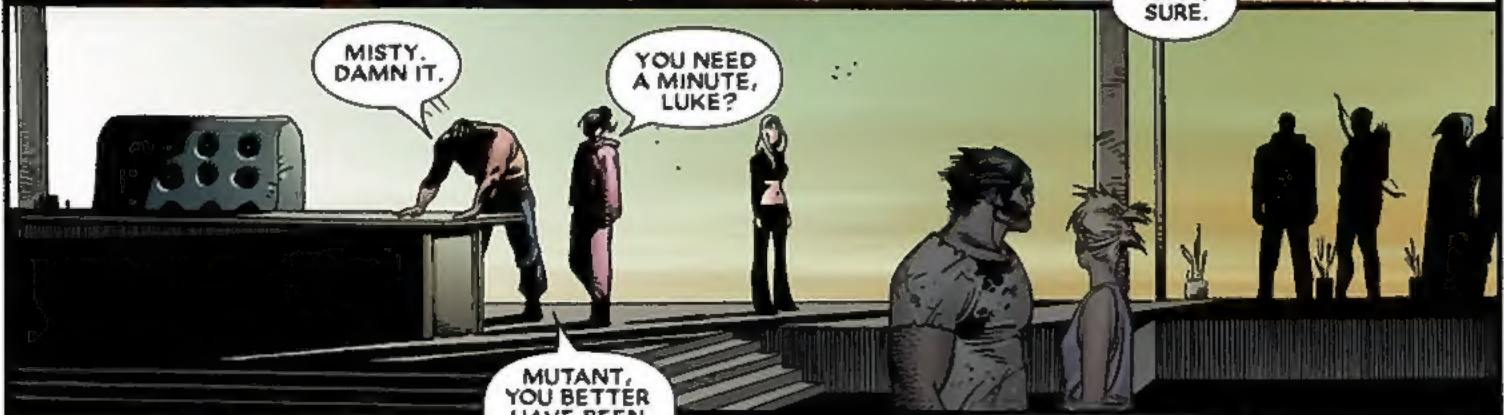
I'LL GO BACK.

NO.

ABE AND THE OTHERS MIGHT HAVE GOTTEN OUT.



YEAH, SURE.



MISTY. DAMN IT.

YOU NEED A MINUTE, LUKE?

MUTANT, YOU BETTER HAVE BEEN WORTH IT.



CAGE, WHAT DO YOU THINK IS GOING ON HERE?

WHAT DO YOU THINK IS GOING ON HERE?

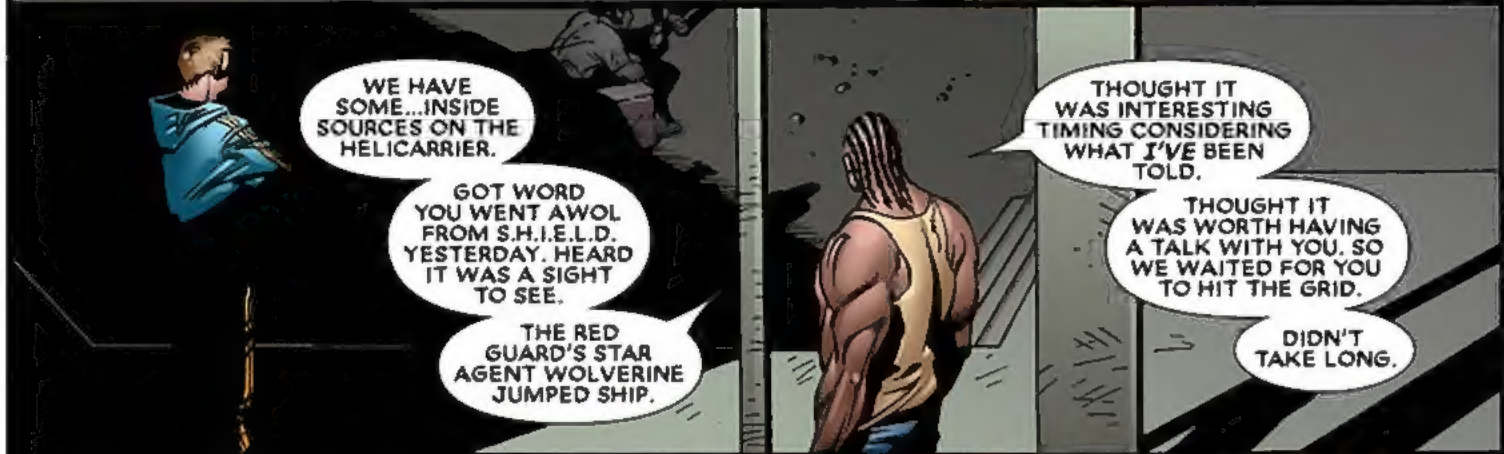
I THINK I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT IS GOING ON HERE. BUT I DON'T THINK YOU'RE GOING TO BELIEVE ME.

TRY ME.

D'YOU KNOW ME?

NOPE.

THEN WHY DID YOU PICK ME UP? WHY DID YOU COME GET ME?



WE HAVE SOME...INSIDE SOURCES ON THE HELICARRIER.

GOT WORD YOU WENT AWOL FROM S.H.I.E.L.D. YESTERDAY. HEARD IT WAS A SIGHT TO SEE.

THE RED GUARD'S STAR AGENT WOLVERINE JUMPED SHIP.

THOUGHT IT WAS INTERESTING TIMING CONSIDERING WHAT I'VE BEEN TOLD.

THOUGHT IT WAS WORTH HAVING A TALK WITH YOU. SO WE WAITED FOR YOU TO HIT THE GRID.

DIDN'T TAKE LONG.



YOU DON'T REMEMBER THAT WE'RE BOTH AVENGERS?

WHAT'S AN AVENGER?





I'LL TELL YOU. I'LL SAY IT TO SAY IT, BUT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BELIEVE IT.

UP UNTIL TWO DAYS AGO, I WAS ONE OF THE X-MEN, AND I WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF THESE NEW AVENGERS.

WHICH MEANS NOTHIN' TO YOU BECAUSE YOU DON'T REMEMBER THAT THERE WERE OLD AVENGERS.

I LIVED IN A WORLD WHERE MUTANTS WERE A MINORITY, AND THE X-MEN WORKED TO BUILD A PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE BETWEEN THE GROWING MUTANT POPULATION AND THE REGULAR PEOPLE...

...WHO NEVER SEEM TO RUN OUT OF REASONS TO BE TERRIFIED OF US.



CAN'T SAY IT WAS A LIFE I WAS THRILLED WITH, BUT WE WERE MAKING THE MOST OF IT.

I HAD A LOT OF CRAP HAPPEN TO ME. I HAD AN ANTI-MUTANT GOVERNMENT PROGRAM GIVE ME THESE...

SNKT

...AGAINST MY WILL.

YIKES!

I'VE BEEN MIND-WIPED SO MANY TIMES THAT I ACTUALLY DON'T REMEMBER WHERE I CAME FROM OR HOW OLD I AM.



NOW THAT I THINK OF IT--THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE I'VE POPPED MY CORK ALTOGETHER AND THIS IS IT.

(BUT AS LONG AS I'M HERE...)

ONE OF THE X-MEN'S BIGGEST PROBLEMS IN THE WORLD WAS ERIC MAGNUS.

MAGNETO. BECAUSE HE HAD MAGNET--

EVERYONE KNOWS WHO HE IS.

WELL, HE HAD A COUPLE OF KIDS.

EVERYONE KNOWS THAT TOO.

WANDA--



THE HUMAN ONE.



WHAT?

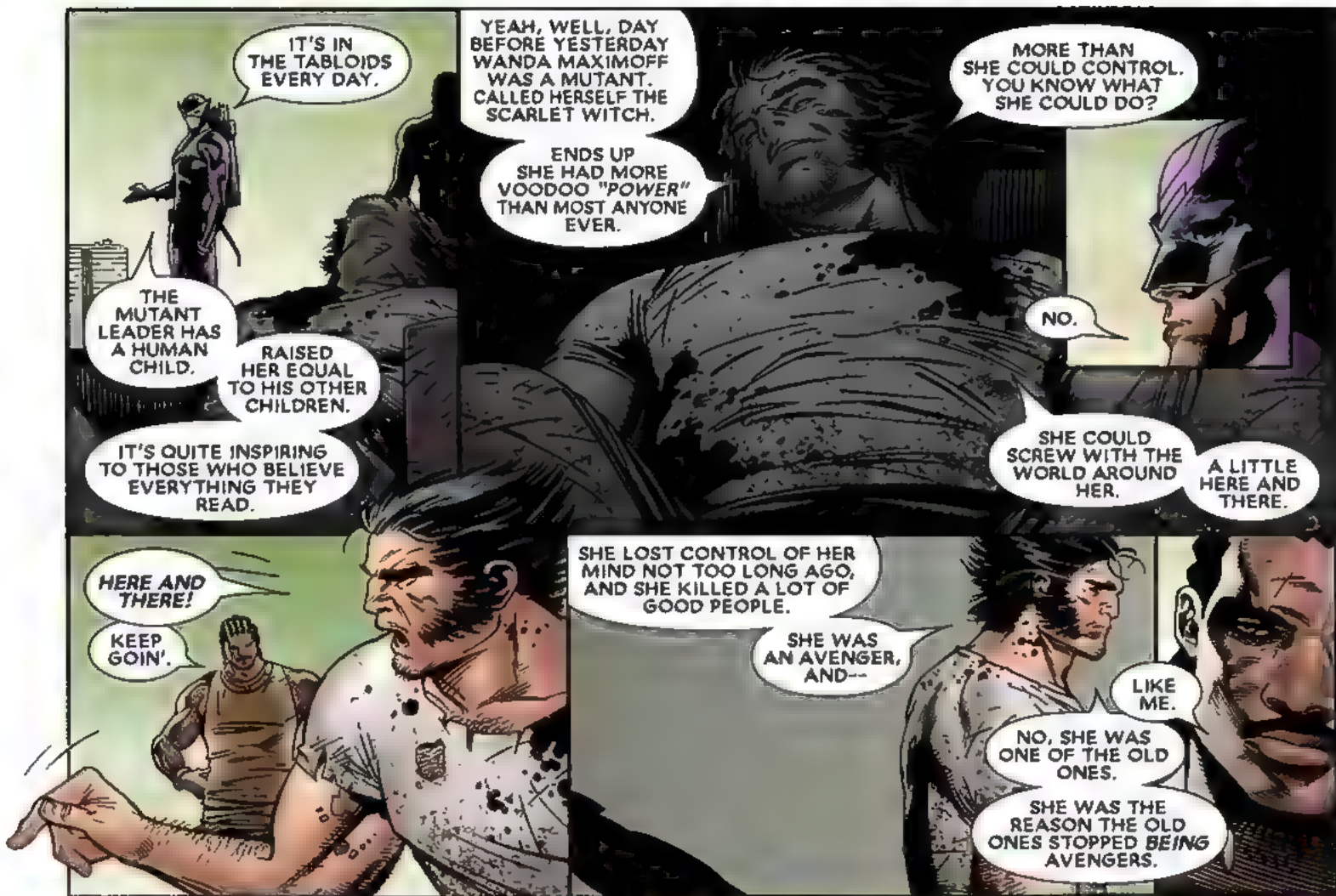
PIETRO, LORNA AND WANDA.

WANDA IS THE HUMAN ONE.



THE HELL DOES THAT MEAN?





IT'S IN THE TABLOIDS EVERY DAY.

YEAH, WELL, DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY WANDA MAXIMOFF WAS A MUTANT. CALLED HERSELF THE SCARLET WITCH.

ENDS UP SHE HAD MORE VOODOO "POWER" THAN MOST ANYONE EVER.

MORE THAN SHE COULD CONTROL. YOU KNOW WHAT SHE COULD DO?

NO.

SHE COULD SCREW WITH THE WORLD AROUND HER.

A LITTLE HERE AND THERE.

THE MUTANT LEADER HAS A HUMAN CHILD.

RAISED HER EQUAL TO HIS OTHER CHILDREN.

IT'S QUITE INSPIRING TO THOSE WHO BELIEVE EVERYTHING THEY READ.

HERE AND THERE!

KEEP GOIN'.

SHE LOST CONTROL OF HER MIND NOT TOO LONG AGO, AND SHE KILLED A LOT OF GOOD PEOPLE.

SHE WAS AN AVENGER, AND--

LIKE ME.

NO, SHE WAS ONE OF THE OLD ONES.

SHE WAS THE REASON THE OLD ONES STOPPED BEING AVENGERS.

SHE WENT NUTS OR SOMETHIN', AND SHE ATTACKED HER OWN TEAM.

KILLED HALF OF 'EM.

TWO DAYS AGO, THE X-MEN AND THE AVENGERS GOT TOGETHER TO FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO WITH HER--

--SHE WAS OUT OF CONTROL AND OUT OF HER MIND.

SHE MURDERED ALL THESE FAMOUS SUPER HEROES...

SO WE WENT OFF TO GENOSHA WHERE MAGNETO WAS KEEPING HER, AND WHEN WE DID... THE WORLD WENT WHITE, AND I WOKE UP TO THIS.

WHITE?

MAGNETO TURNED HIMSELF FROM EXILED MASS MURDERER TO KING OF THE WORLD.

THERE AIN'T NO X-MEN, THERE AIN'T NO AVENGERS.

MUTANTS RUN THE PLACE. A DAMN MUTANT UTOPIA.

YEAH. UPSIDE DOWN AND SIDWAYS. ON EVERY LEVEL.

AND I GOT YOU OF ALL PEOPLE STICKIN' ARROWS IN MY NECK.

WHAT ABOUT ME? WHAT WAS I BEFORE THE WORLD WENT WHITE?









WE WERE  
JUST TRYING TO KEEP  
THE BALANCE...FROM  
UNDERGROUND.

TRYING TO MAKE  
SURE SAPIENS GET  
SOME SORT OF FAIR  
SHAKE IN THE  
WORLD.



THAT SURE  
SOUNDS LIKE  
WHAT YOU  
WOULD DO.

AND YOU.

AND YOU  
TOO.

YOU  
KNOW ALL  
OF US?

YEAH, DANNY.  
THE IRON FIST.  
I KNOW YOU.

SO WHAT DO WE HAVE  
TO DO TO PUT THE WORLD  
BACK THE WAY IT WAS?



YOU  
BELIEVE  
ME?

YEAH.

WHY?

SEE THAT  
GIRL?

YESTERDAY  
THAT GIRL WALKED  
UP TO ME OUT OF  
THE BLUE AND SAID  
EXACTLY WHAT YOU  
JUST SAID.

X-MEN,  
AVENGERS,  
HAWKEYE  
DIED...

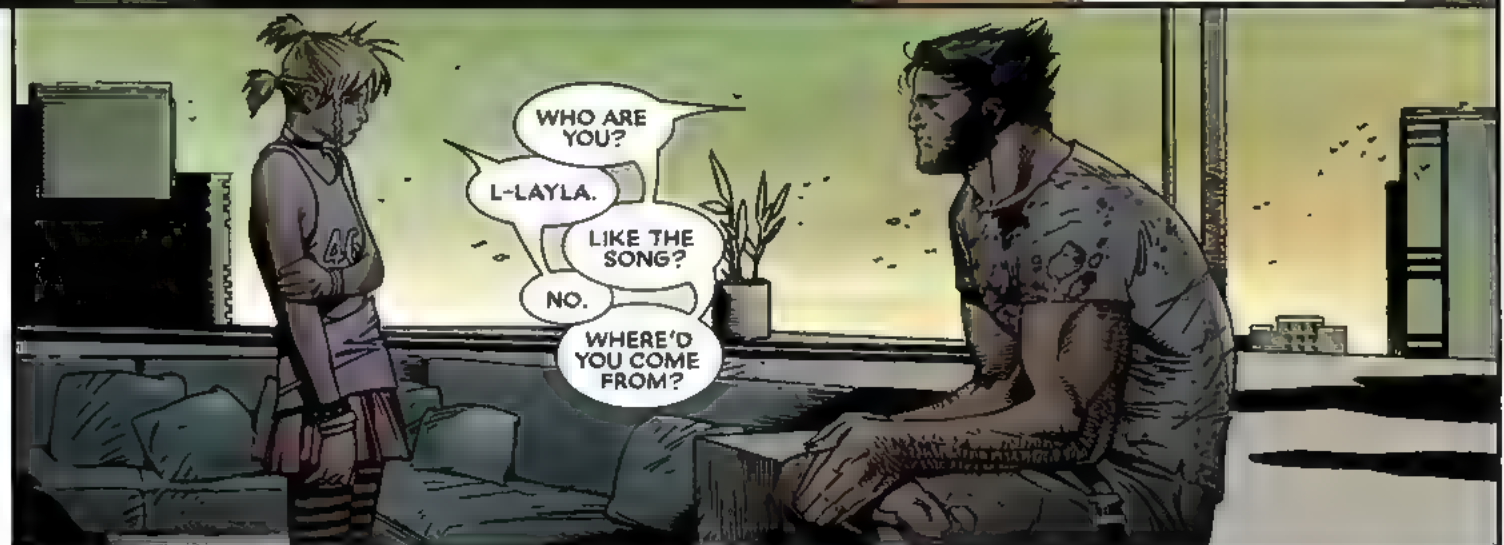


SHE DIDN'T KNOW HOW  
IT HAPPENED, BUT SHE  
KNEW IT HAPPENED.

IN DETAIL.  
EVERY SINGLE  
THING.

THEN I SAW IT  
MYSELF. MY KID  
COMING. MY GIRL. MY  
LIFE THAT ISN'T THIS.  
I COULD SEE IT IN  
MY MIND.

AS CLEAR AS ANYTHING  
I HAVE EVER SEEN. OR  
SMELLED. OR ANYTHING.



WHO ARE  
YOU?

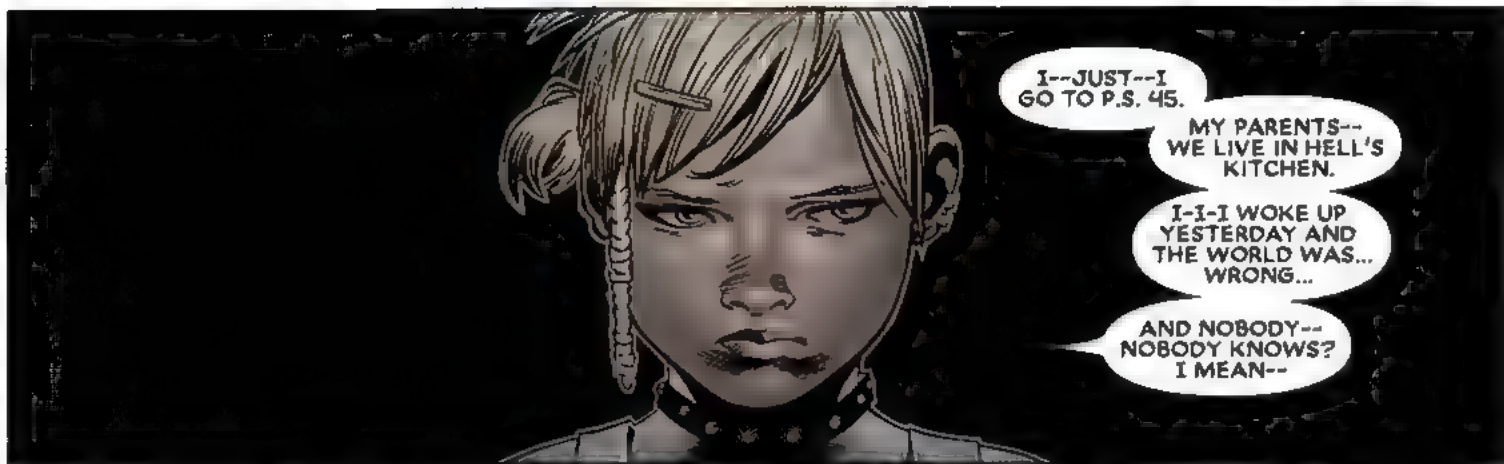
L-LAYLA.

LIKE THE  
SONG?

NO.

WHERE'D  
YOU COME  
FROM?





I--JUST--I  
GO TO P.S. 45.

MY PARENTS--  
WE LIVE IN HELL'S  
KITCHEN.

I-I-I WOKE UP  
YESTERDAY AND  
THE WORLD WAS...  
WRONG...

AND NOBODY--  
NOBODY KNOWS?  
I MEAN--



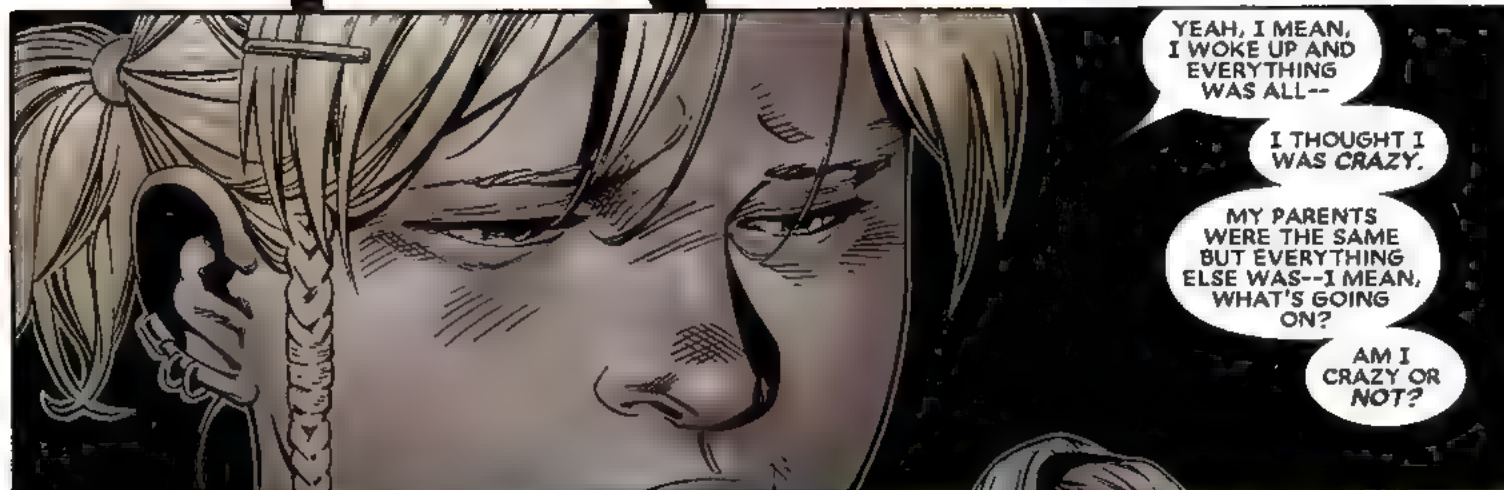
CAN YOU  
HEAR WHAT I'M  
THINKING?



I--WHAT?  
NO.

WHAT?

BUT  
YOU REMEMBER  
EVERYTHING.



YEAH, I MEAN,  
I WOKE UP AND  
EVERYTHING  
WAS ALL--

I THOUGHT I  
WAS CRAZY.

MY PARENTS  
WERE THE SAME  
BUT EVERYTHING  
ELSE WAS--I MEAN,  
WHAT'S GOING  
ON?

AM I  
CRAZY OR  
NOT?



YOU'RE NOT  
CRAZY.

YOU  
SURE?

IF YOU ARE--  
THEN WE BOTH  
ARE.

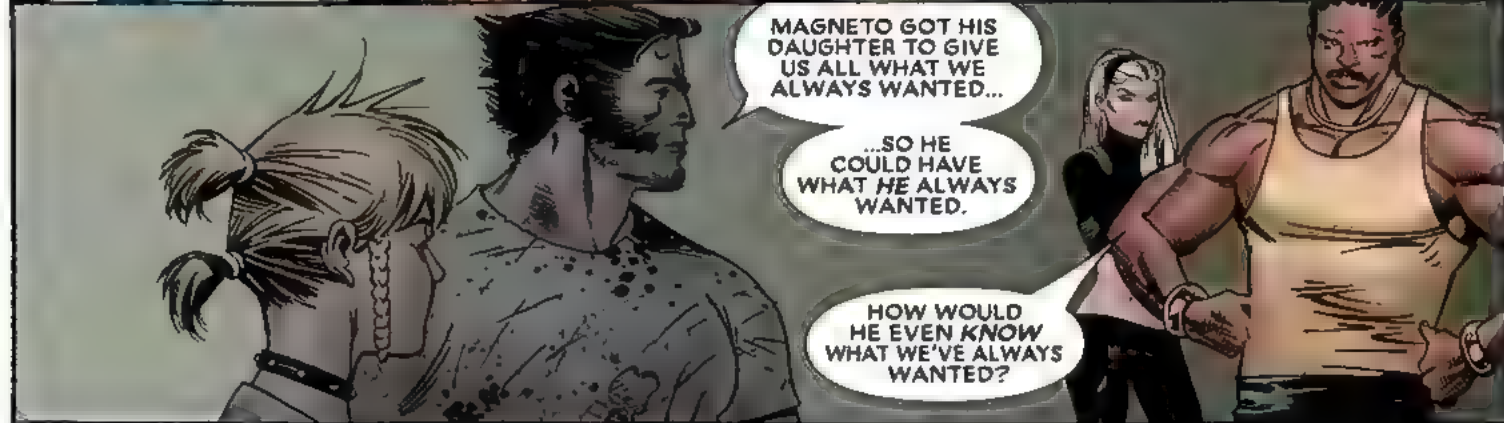
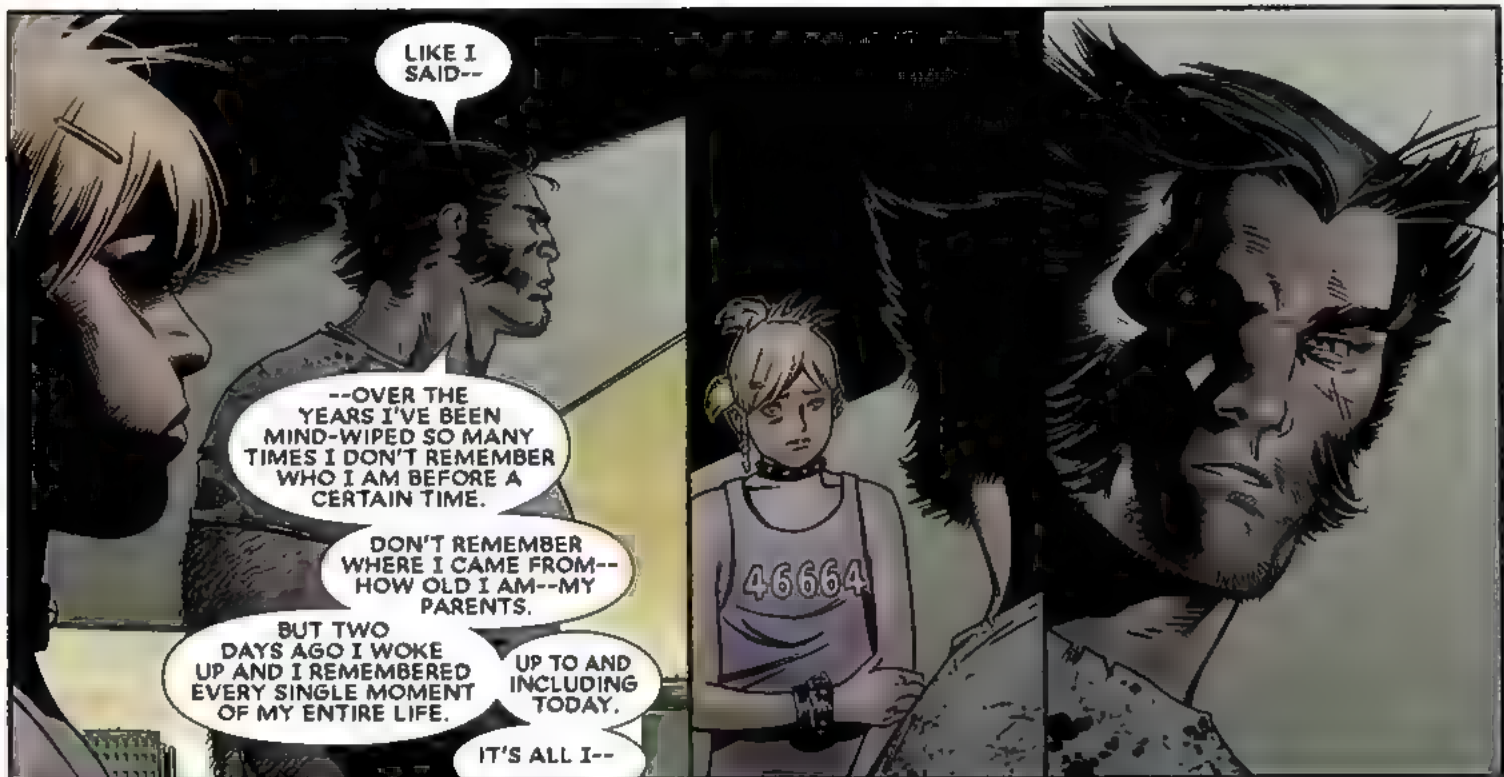
GREAT.



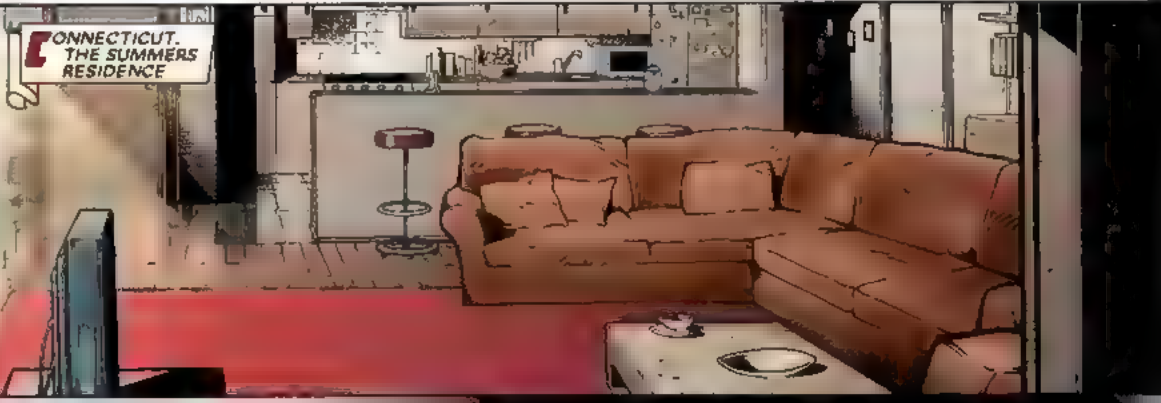
HEY, FURBALL.  
WHY DO YOU THINK  
YOU AND HER OF ALL  
PEOPLE REMEMBER  
THE WORLD?

(OH, AND I  
STILL THINK THIS  
IS ALL MUTANT  
BULL, BY THE  
WAY.)









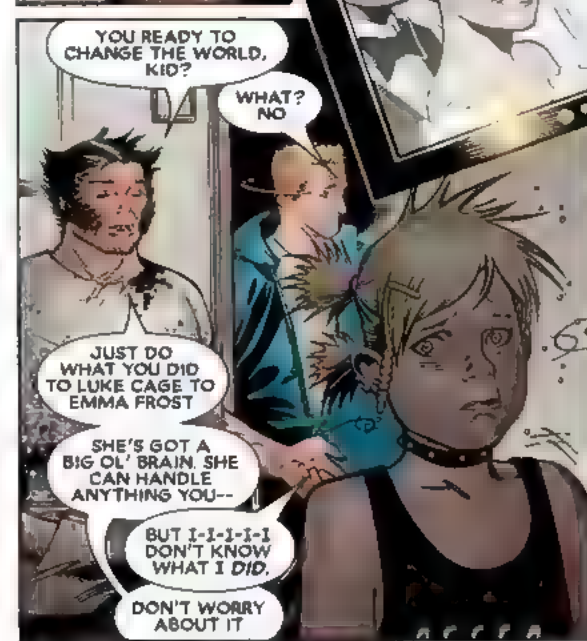
CONNECTICUT.  
THE SUMMERS  
RESIDENCE



RELAX,  
NO ONE'S  
HERE  
WHOSE  
HOUSE IS  
THIS?  
A  
FRIEND  
(I  
THINK)



NO



YOU READY TO  
CHANGE THE WORLD,  
KID?

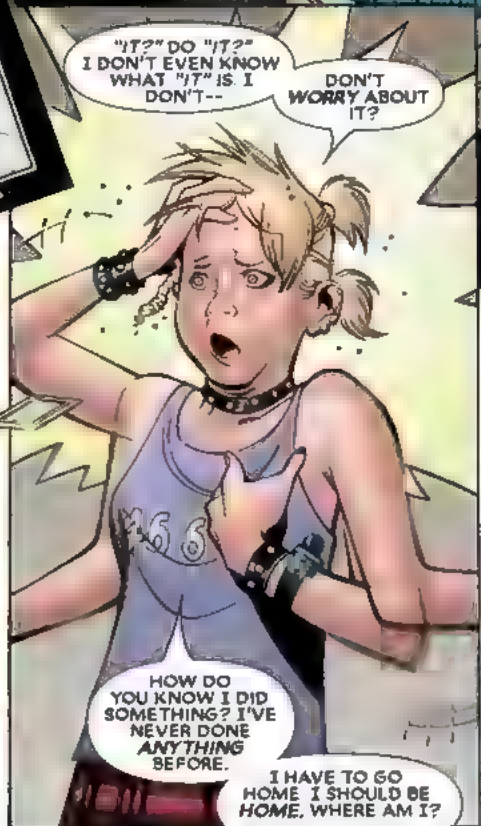
WHAT?  
NO

JUST DO  
WHAT YOU DID  
TO LUKE CAGE TO  
EMMA FROST

SHE'S GOT A  
BIG OL' BRAIN. SHE  
CAN HANDLE  
ANYTHING YOU--

BUT I-I-I-I-I  
DON'T KNOW  
WHAT I DID.

DON'T WORRY  
ABOUT IT

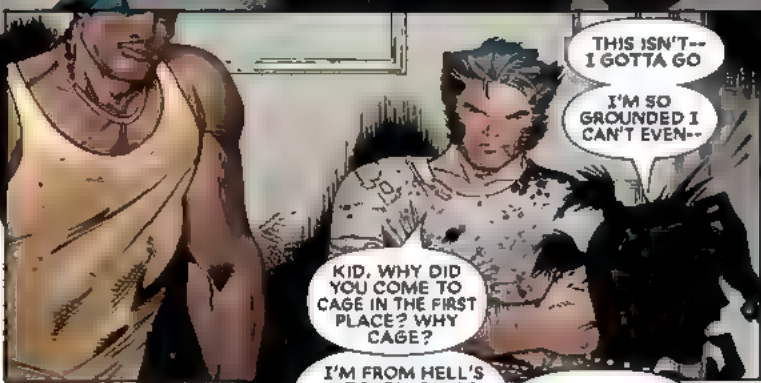


"IT?" DO "IT?"  
I DON'T EVEN KNOW  
WHAT "IT" IS I  
DON'T--

DON'T  
WORRY ABOUT  
IT?

HOW DO  
YOU KNOW I DID  
SOMETHING? I'VE  
NEVER DONE  
ANYTHING  
BEFORE.

I HAVE TO GO  
HOME I SHOULD BE  
HOME, WHERE AM I?



THIS ISN'T--  
I GOTTA GO

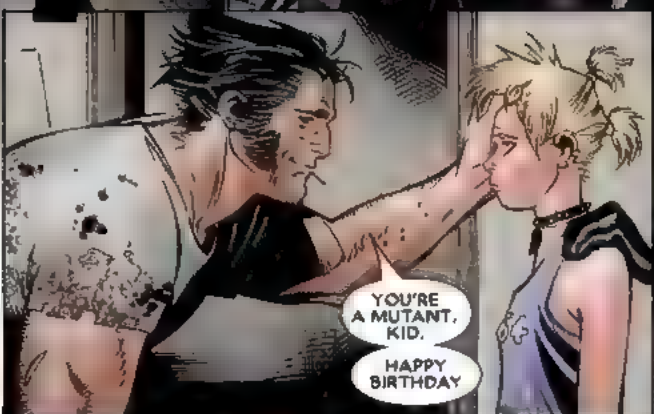
I'M SO  
GROUNDED I  
CAN'T EVEN--

KID, WHY DID  
YOU COME TO  
CAGE IN THE FIRST  
PLACE? WHY  
CAGE?

I'M FROM HELL'S  
KITCHEN. I WAS  
KINDA LOOKING FOR  
DAREDEVIL, AND I  
SAW HIM FIRST

AND I JUST--  
I SAW HIM AND  
I--I HAD TO TELL  
SOMEONE.

WHAT IS  
GOING  
ON?



YOU'RE  
A MUTANT,  
KID.  
HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY

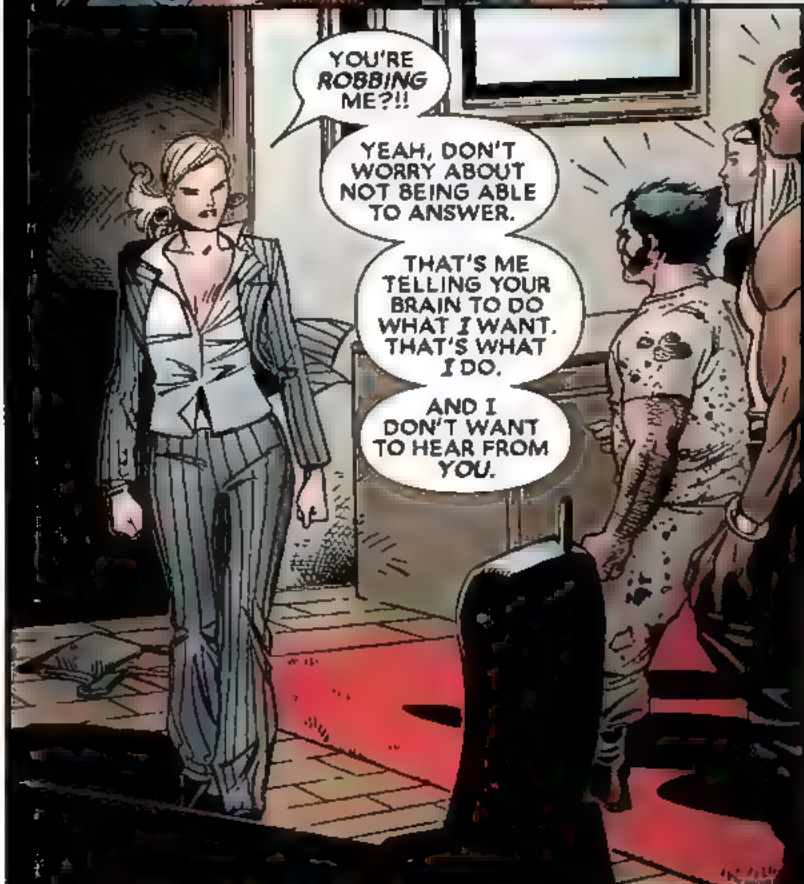


SHE'S  
HERE.  
BE  
COOL





HIYA,  
EMS.



YOU'RE  
ROBBING  
ME?!!

YEAH, DON'T  
WORRY ABOUT  
NOT BEING ABLE  
TO ANSWER.

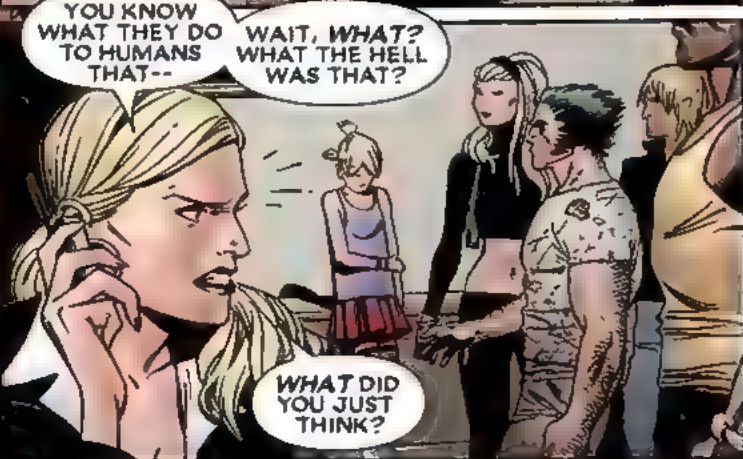
THAT'S ME  
TELLING YOUR  
BRAIN TO DO  
WHAT I WANT.  
THAT'S WHAT  
I DO.

AND I  
DON'T WANT  
TO HEAR FROM  
YOU.

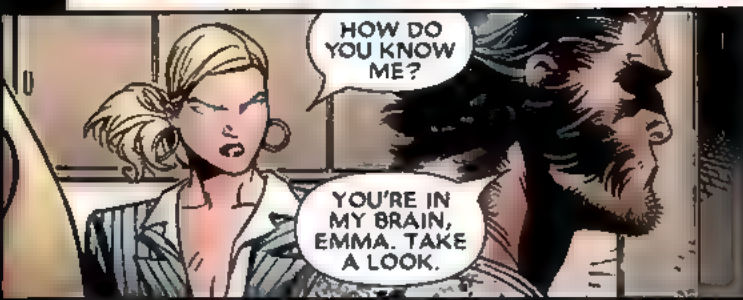


YOU KNOW  
WHAT THEY DO  
TO HUMANS  
THAT--

WAIT, WHAT?  
WHAT THE HELL  
WAS THAT?

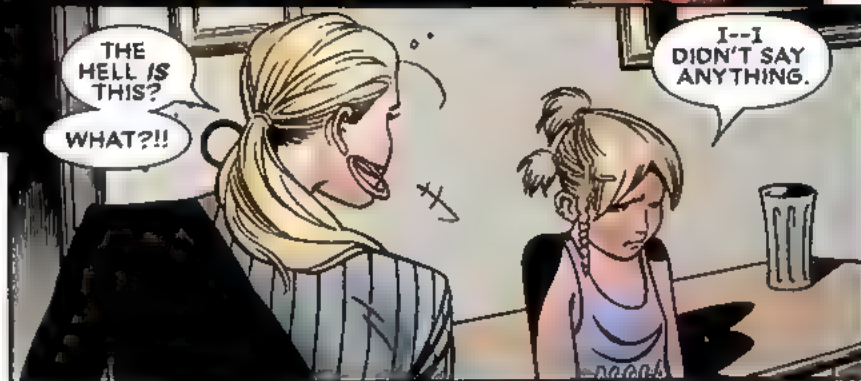


WHAT DID  
YOU JUST  
THINK?



HOW DO  
YOU KNOW  
ME?

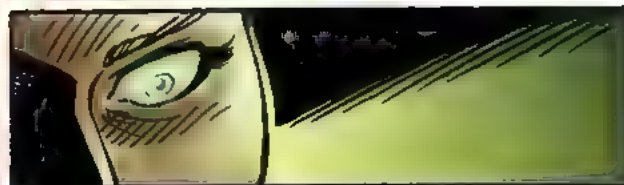
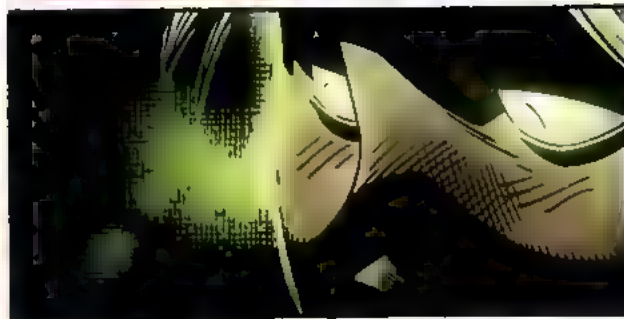
YOU'RE IN  
MY BRAIN,  
EMMA. TAKE  
A LOOK.



THE  
HELL IS  
THIS?

WHAT?!!

I--I  
DIDN'T SAY  
ANYTHING.

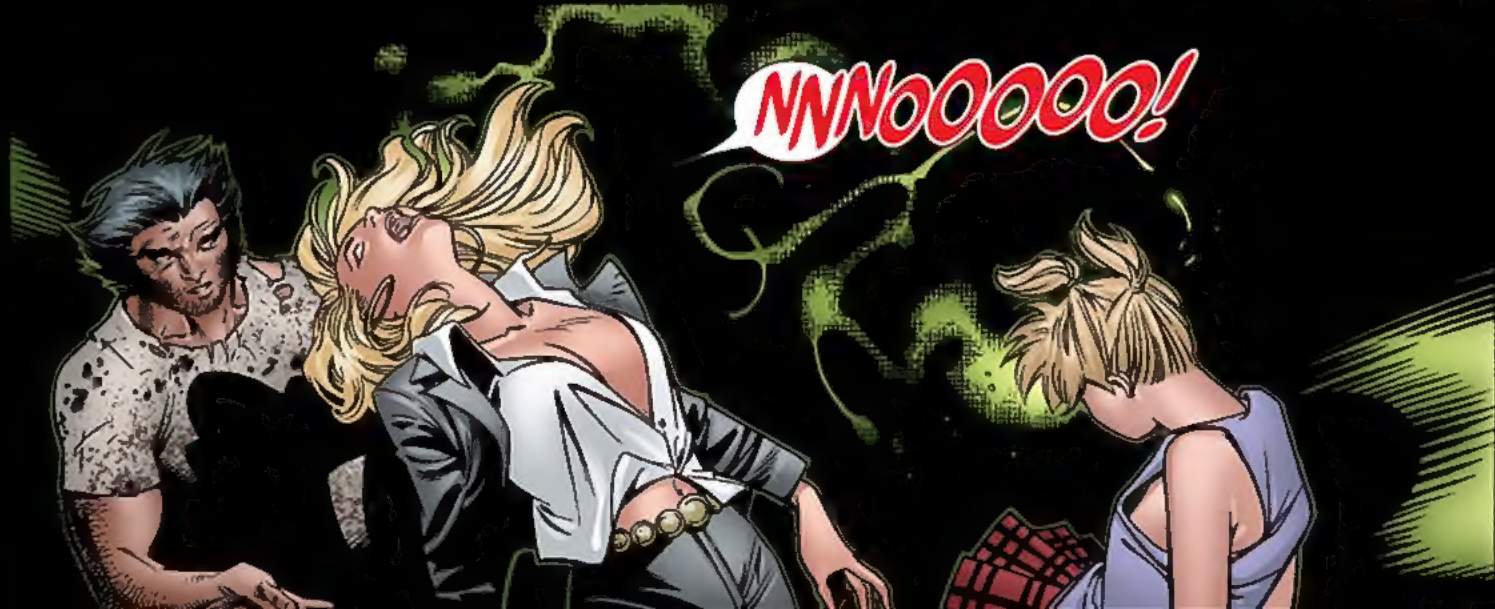






CHARLES...



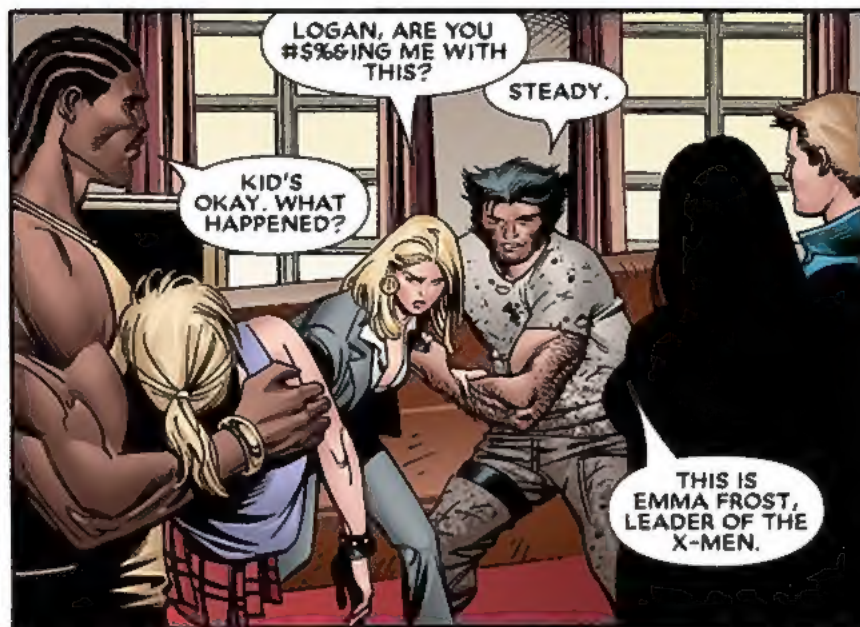






NO!!

YEAH.

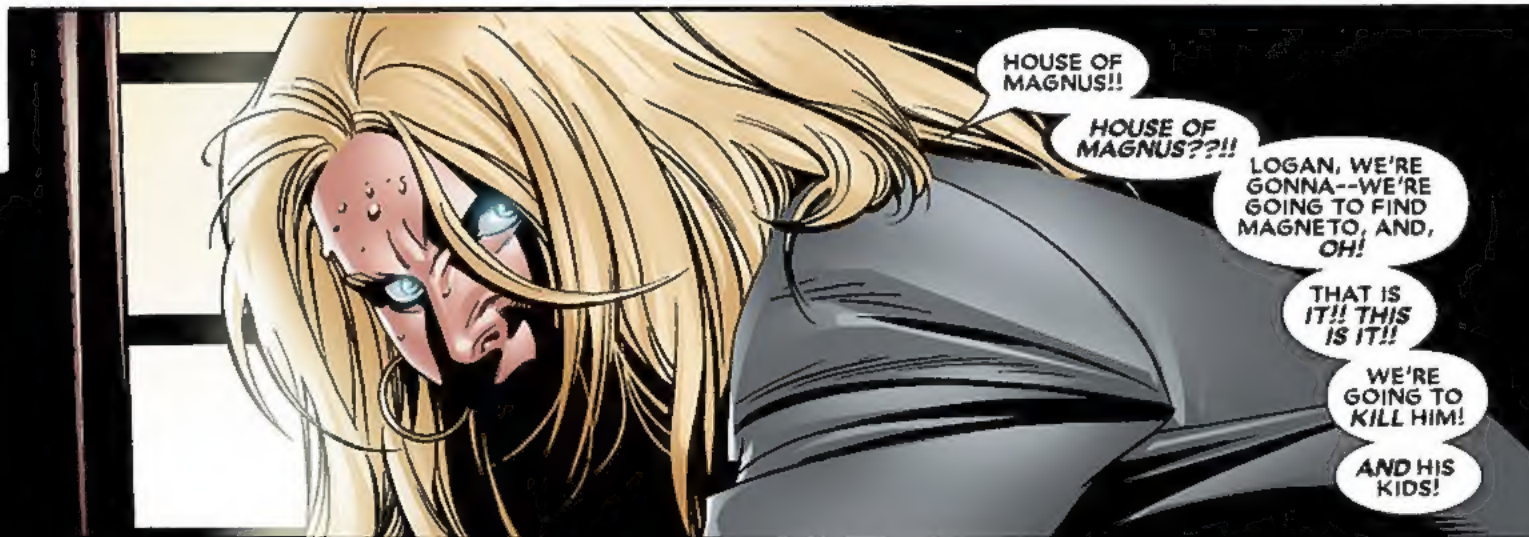


LOGAN, ARE YOU #5%6ING ME WITH THIS?

STEADY.

KID'S OKAY. WHAT HAPPENED?

THIS IS EMMA FROST, LEADER OF THE X-MEN.



HOUSE OF MAGNUS!!

HOUSE OF MAGNUS??!!

LOGAN, WE'RE GONNA--WE'RE GOING TO FIND MAGNETO, AND, OH!

THAT IS IT!! THIS IS IT!!

WE'RE GOING TO KILL HIM!

AND HIS KIDS!



YEAH, I GOT NO PROBLEM WITH THAT.



BUT--

PkLSSS

--WE'RE GOING TO NEED A LOT MORE THAN JUST US.

AND EVEN IF WE DO...



...THAT STILL DOESN'T MEAN THE WHOLE DAMN WORLD...

...AIN'T SCREWED FOR GOOD.

TO BE CONTINUED...



StuQukes



EMPIRE

